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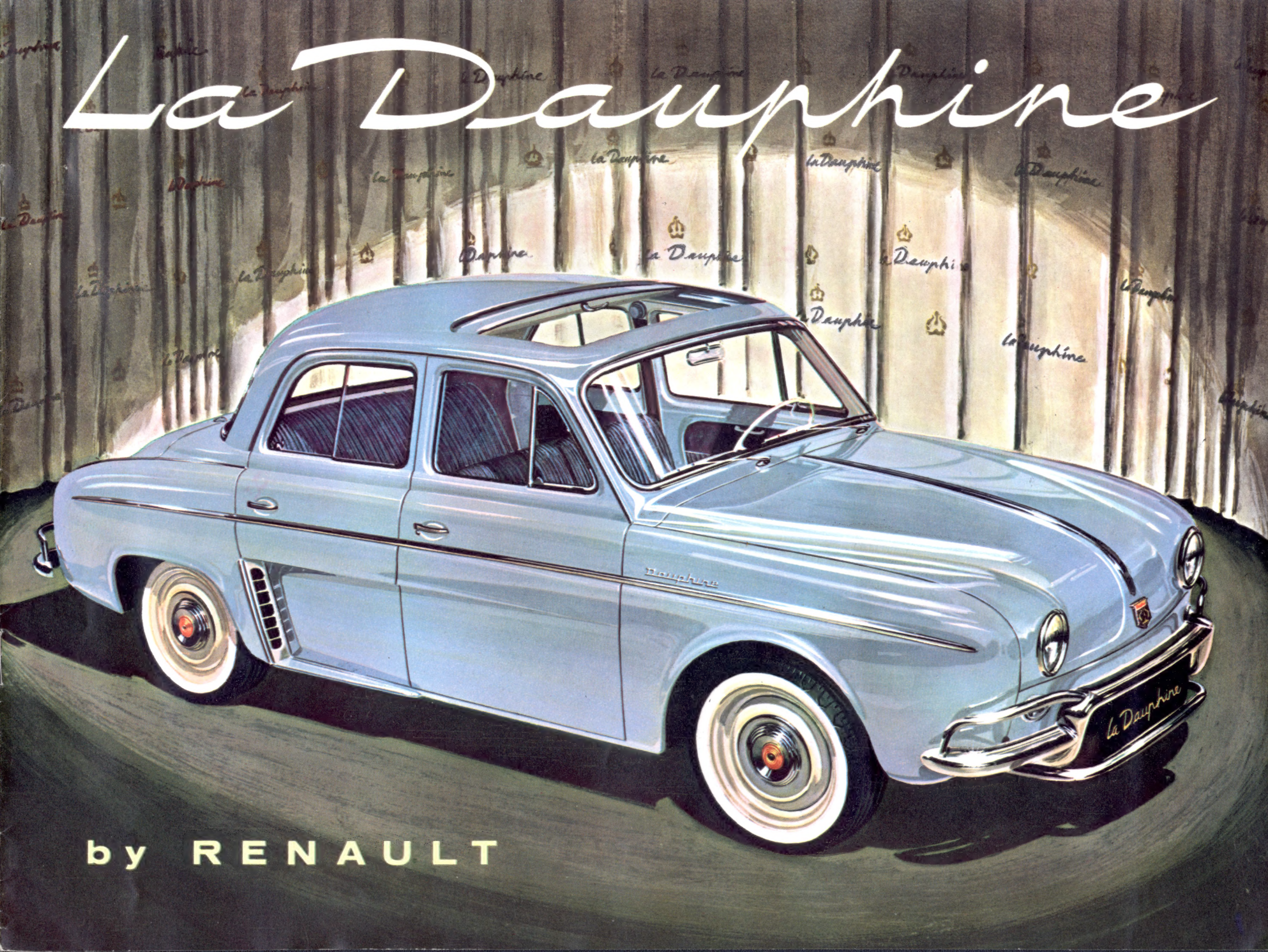

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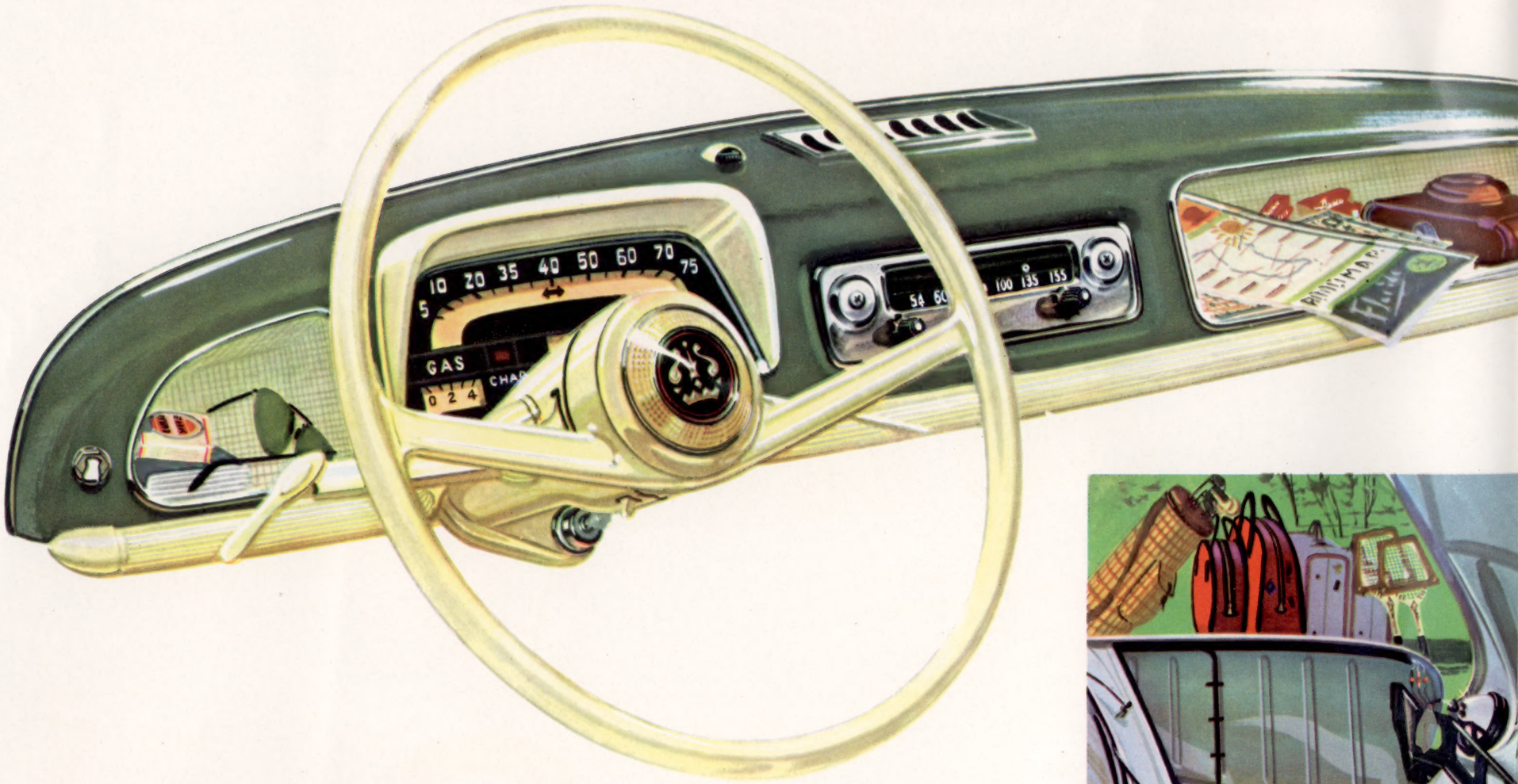
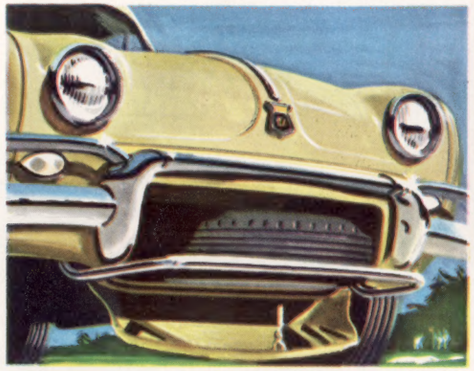


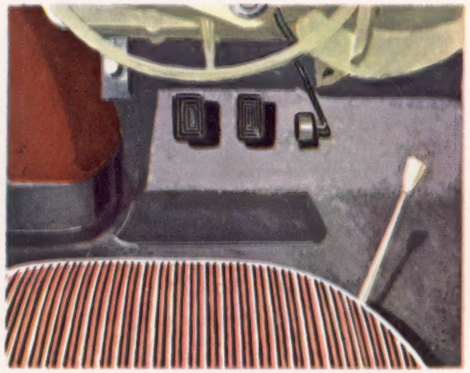
You are looking at the Dauphine Dashboard which has been scientifically created to make driving a new experience for you. Combining maximum ease with maximum safety, the instrument panel is hooded to eliminate night glare. All instruments are grouped in one central unit for quick reading. All manual controls are within easy reach ON the steering column . . . *a revolutionary advance not available in any other car.* Two horns (for town or country, a la France), all lights, dimmer, directional signals; even ignition starter. *Two* . . . yes *two* glove compartments (one on the driver's side) give you room to spare for the storage of small articles. A large, easily removable ashtray, set into the top of the panel, complete the Dauphine Dashboard of tomorrow . . . *today!*

THIS TRUNK IS R-O-O-O-MY! Seven cubic feet under the *front* hood give you a vacation-sized compartment whose accessibility cannot be duplicated. The hood is "safety-locked," open or closed, and controlled from the driver's seat.

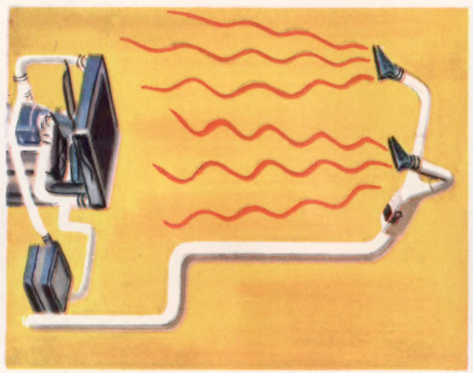
in the most practical and beautifully designed car in the world!



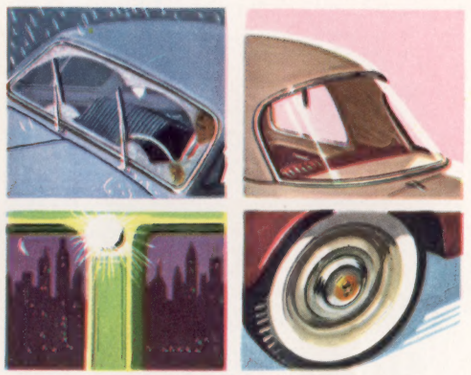
WHERE'S THE SPARE? In the most convenient place of all . . . behind the license plate, in an ingeniously concealed horizontal compartment under the trunk. Easy to get at, and when unlocked, the tire slides right out.



PLENTY OF LEG ROOM HERE. Like to drive without a clutch? Only the Dauphine, among the imported budget-priced cars, completely eliminates the clutch pedal for the ease of automatic shifting. (optional at extra cost).



HEATER-DEFROSTER IS STANDARD EQUIPMENT. Easy to regulate from the driver's seat, an electric blower circulates warm, *filtered air* for all-weather comfort. Twin defroster outlets keep your windshield clear.



MORE FOR YOUR COMFORT. Dual wide-arc windshield wipers. Extra room on this wide package shelf. Interior lights are door operated . . . or manually controlled. New wheels accent exterior beauty with any type tire.

BIG CAR FEATURES IN A CAR PRICED FOR EVERYONE

"SPACE-PLANNED" FOR COMFORT!
With your Dauphine's advanced design you enjoy complete comfort, front and rear. There's ample legroom, headroom and seat width for the whole family. Rear seats are positioned well ahead of the rear wheels. Passengers ride in the "comfort-zone," free of space cramping wheel housings. You literally sit in the lap of luxury. The two front seats are of the bucket type . . . they cradle you with scientifically tested support. You'll drive for a full day and still step out of your Dauphine fresh, relaxed and rested. Seat cushions, front and rear, are constructed of resilient zig-zag springs covered by thick foam rubber padding. Both front seats can be adjusted individually even with car in motion by easy fingertip control, providing inches more legroom.

SAFETY FEATURE. Cut-away view shows how front seat backs are cushioned with a completely new material – a flexibly-strong combination of rubber and fibre that completely eliminates the need for metal supports. Added protection for rear seat passengers in case of sudden stops.

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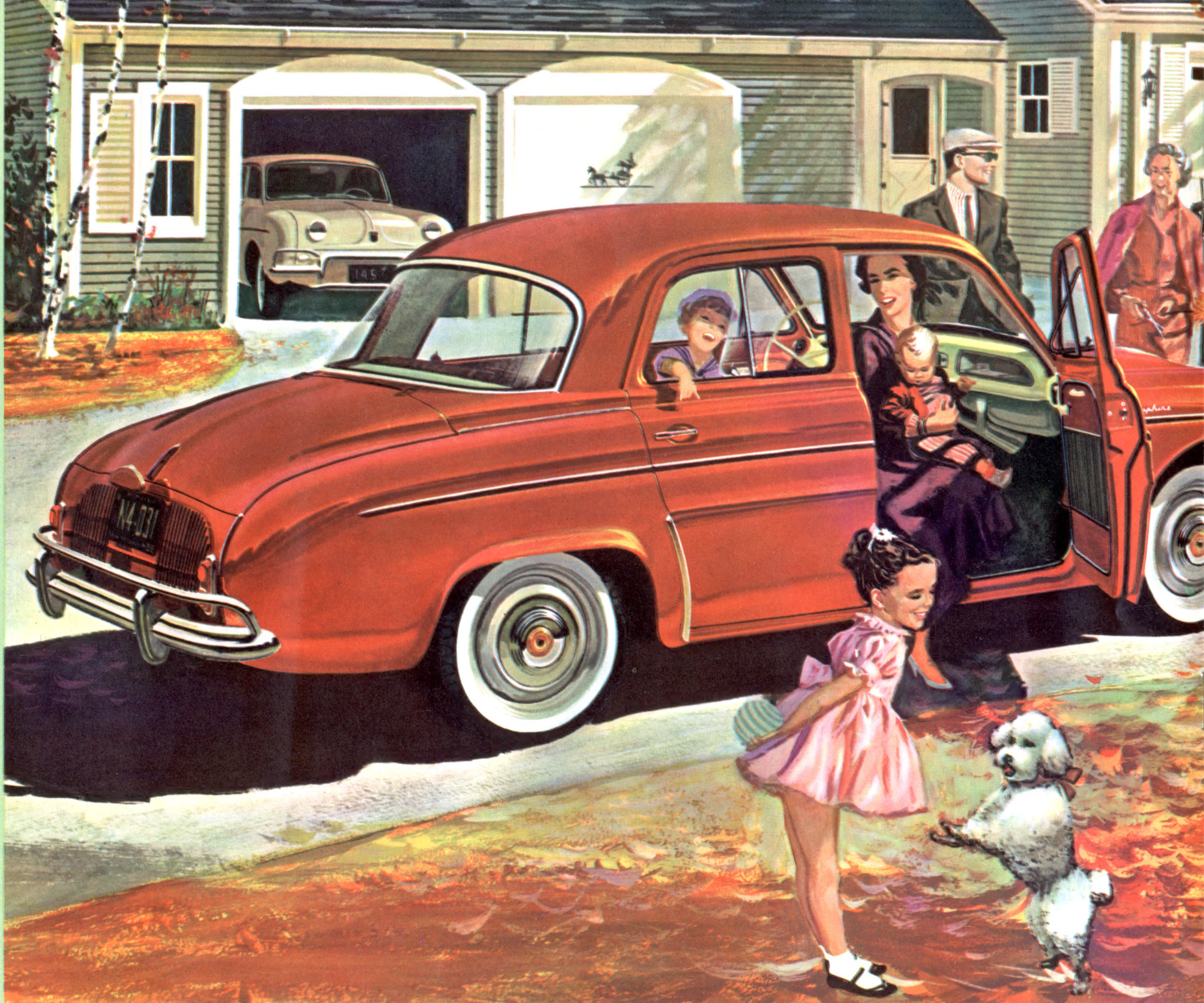
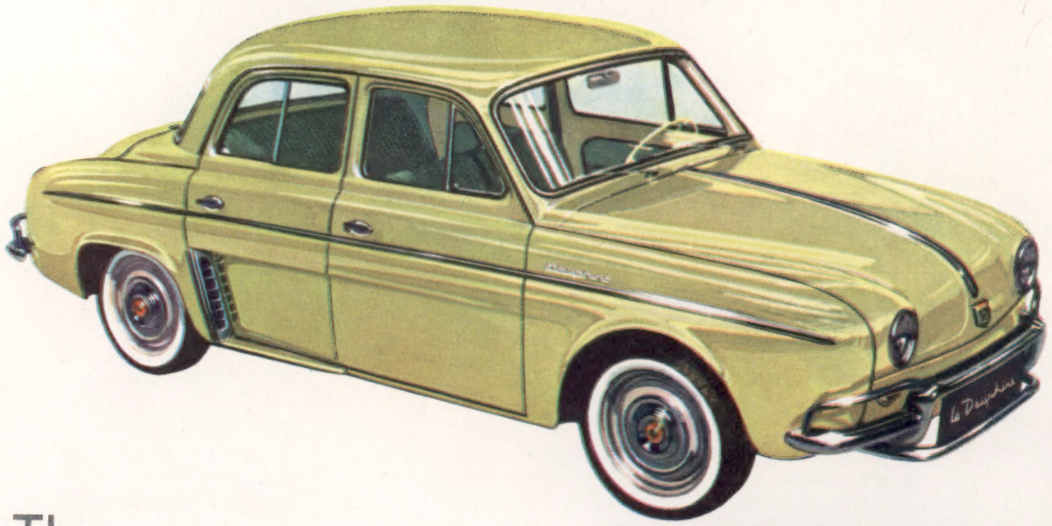
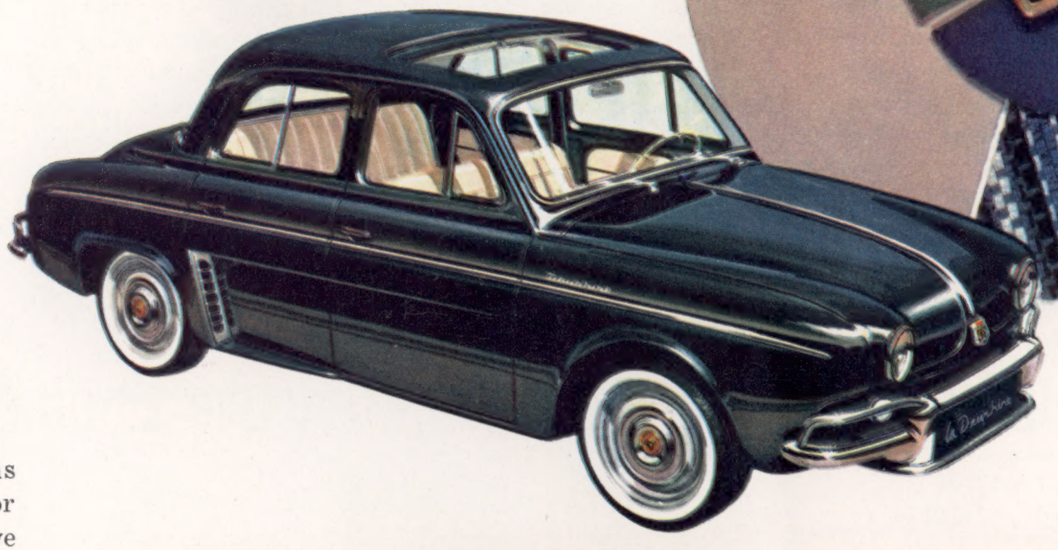
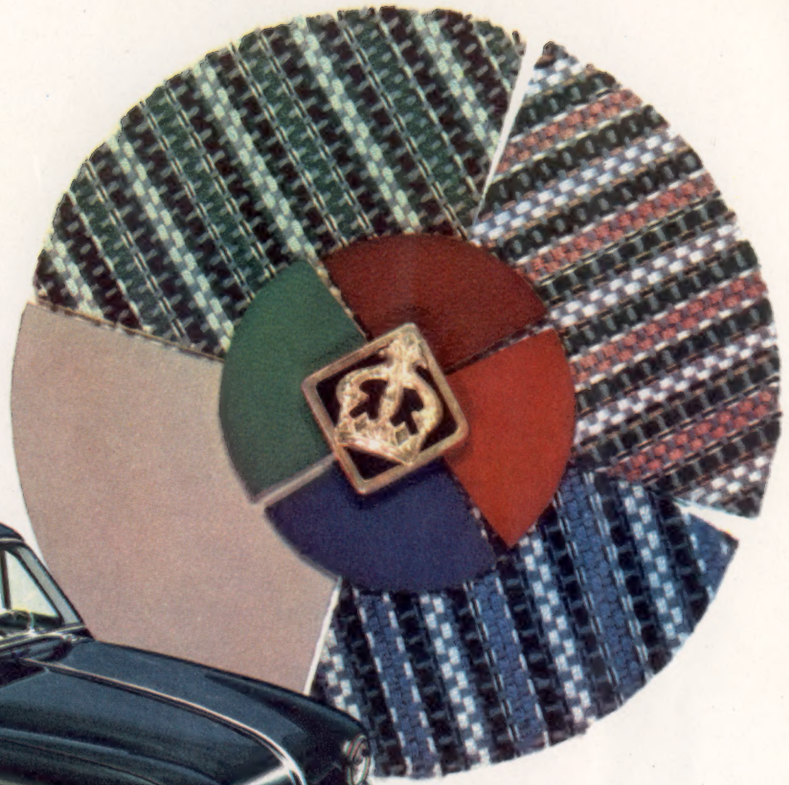




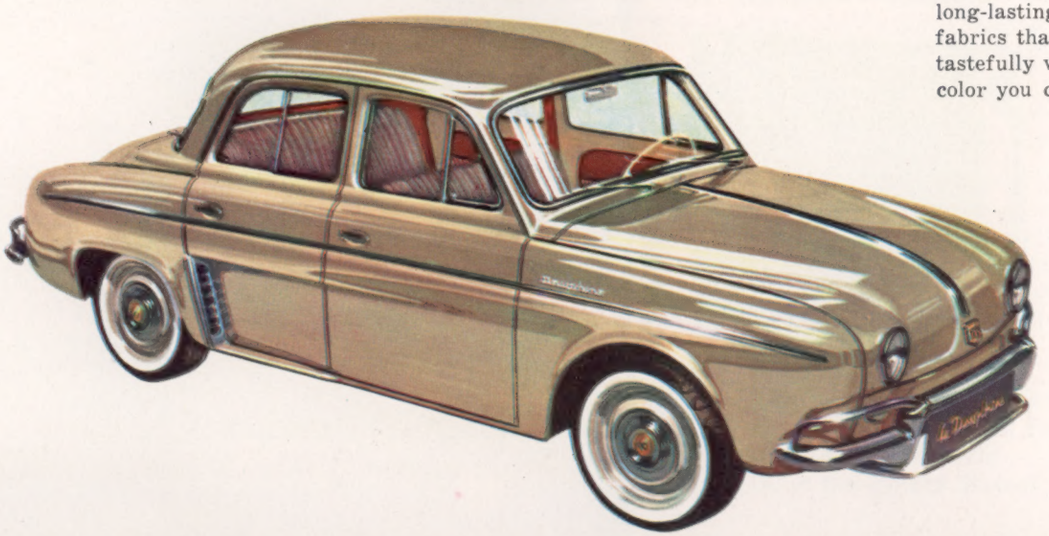
The ideal 'first' car... the essential 'second' car!

In French, "Dauphine" means Princess, an apt description for this lovely lady of the road. Five passenger comfort, small car economy, imported car styling and craftsmanship, sports car handling and still budget-priced. Your Dauphine will meet your most critical demands and repay you with a wondrous experience in driving ease and riding comfort. You'll find a new enjoyment of ownership when you drive your Dauphine.





Famous for its classic lines and elegant simplicity, your Dauphine has been styled by noted French designers. Interior upholstery is woven of luxurious yet long-lasting washable fabrics that harmonize tastefully with the car color you choose.



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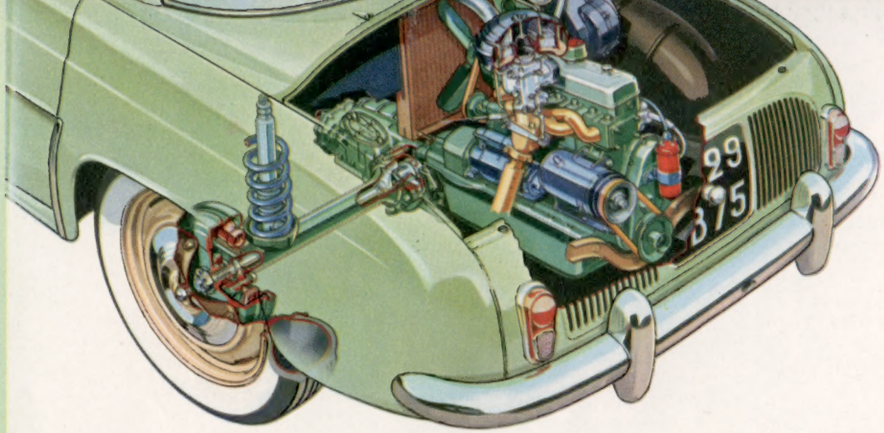
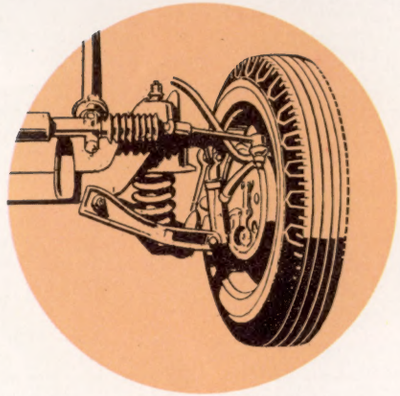
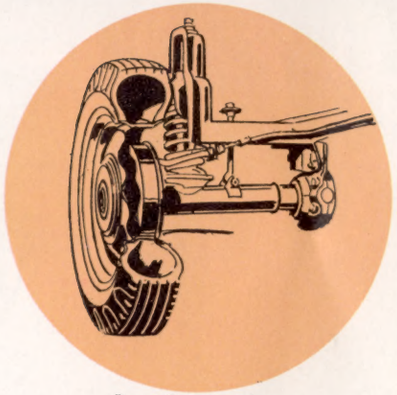




Front Suspension



Rear Suspension

The Dauphine's rear-mounted, 4-cylinder engine is unexcelled in its field. Combining lively performance with outstanding economy and dependability, the Ventoux has delighted owners and automotive experts alike with its instant acceleration and responsive flow of power in all gears. A highly efficient pressurized radiator system is especially designed to meet the engine's cooling needs under all motoring conditions . . . *it cannot overheat!* Thick rubber body mounts cushion the engine and transmission and contribute to the Dauphine's quiet, vibration-free ride. The Dauphine's powerful "safety-swift" hydraulic brakes are truly outstanding. They provide positive action and smooth straight-line stops with little pedal pressure. Large brake drums and generous lining areas *prevent fading,* even under the most rigourous demands. Streamlined body, efficient engine design, and excellent power-to-weight ratio are among the contributing factors in the Dauphine's amazing record run of 43 MILES OF DRIVING on just ONE GALLON OF GAS.

An independent four-wheel suspension is the underlying reason for the Dauphine's solid stability, amazing handling ease, and road-hugging ability. Each wheel is free to react individually to road variations resulting in a smoother, more balanced ride. **Front Suspension.** Cushioned with large coil springs and direct acting shock absorbers it effectively absorbs road shocks and minimizes wheel hopping. A *torsional stabilizer bar* controls body sway on turns. **Rear Suspension.** Large, steel shock absorbers are mounted above the axis of the coil springs and close to the wheels for fast, smooth action. Adding to the stabilizing effect of the rear suspension is the placement of the 4-point engine mountings.

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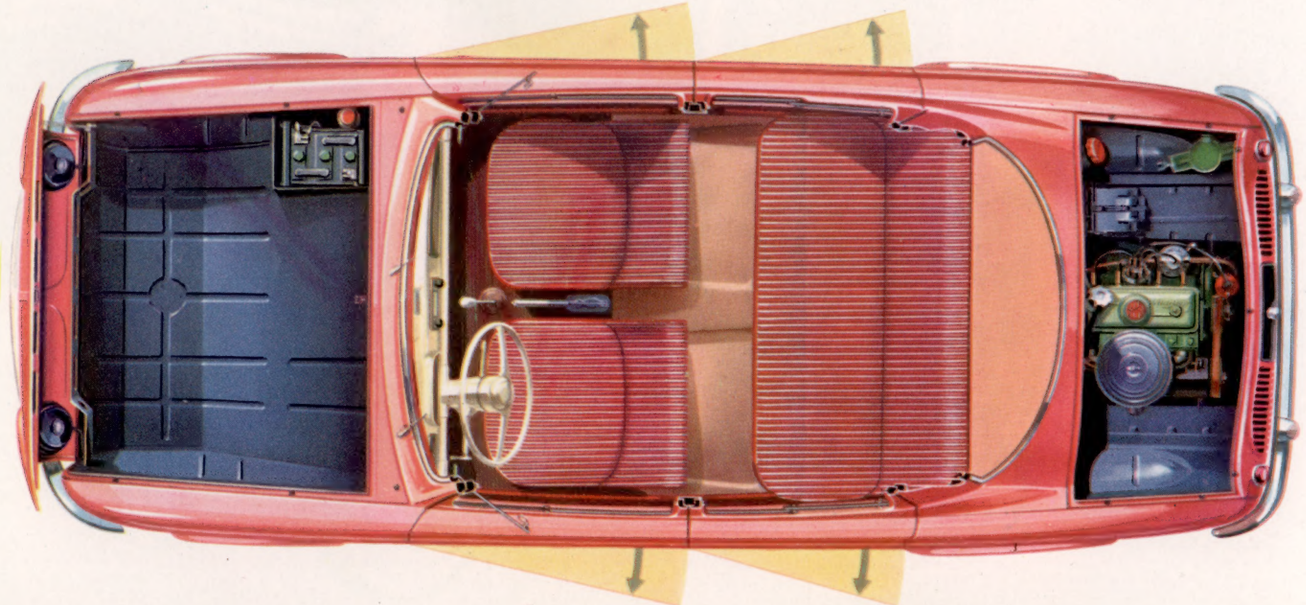
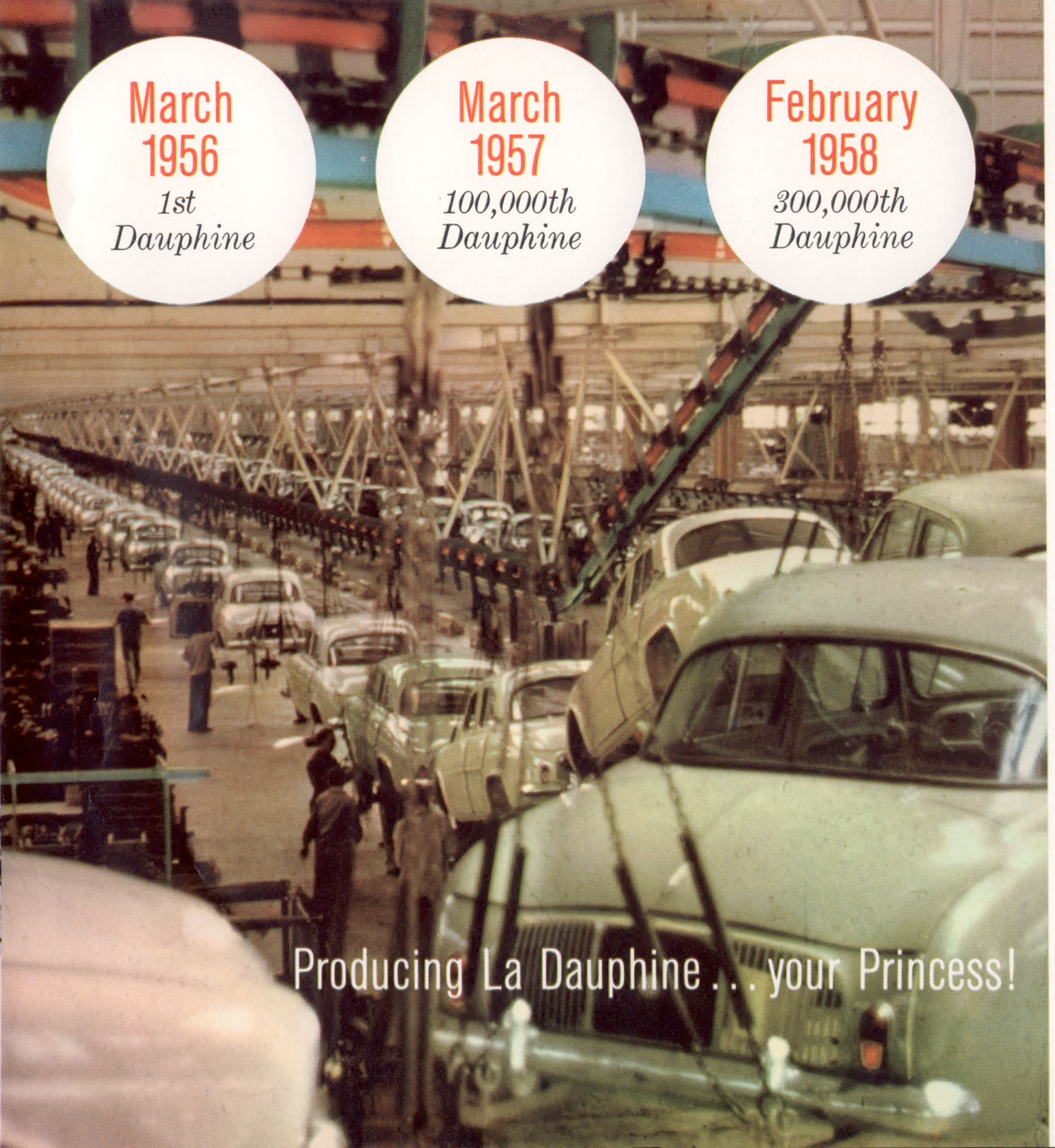


ADVANCED DESIGN, INSIDE AND OUT. You enter and leave your Dauphine easily, gracefully . . . without disturbing others in the car. All four large convenient doors open against the windstream as an added safety feature. Two handy front door locks permit unlocking and entry from either side. Four fully-operating windows, and two vent wings, provide complete, controlled ventilation.



. . . and still more Dauphines to meet the ever growing demand for Europe's largest selling car. At this Renault plant in Flins, France (one of many located all over the world) one Dauphine is completed every 43 seconds. All produced under the watchful eye of old world craftsmen.

Quick Facts About Your Dauphine

Safety features · doors open against windstream · doorlocks · bucket seats · no metal in seats · curved windshield · rubber-cushioned dashboard · semi-flexible steering wheel · extra-big, no-fade brakes · excellent steering control · amazing road-holding ability · torsion bar for anti-sway · no blind spots · excellent visibility · hinged trunk lid · day-night rear view mirror · no-reach hand brake · large rear window

Comfort features · extremely quiet engine · vibration-free ride · automatic "Ferlec" clutch* · 4-wheel suspension · 7 cubic foot trunk · plenty of "elbow" room · conveniently placed spare · foam rubber seats · sliding sun-roof* · two sunvisors · two glove compartments · rear package shelf · standard equipment heater-defroster · automatic choke · US standard shift · fully operating windows · level floor · fuel gauge · temperature gauge · radio* · easy-reach gear shift · washable interiors including door liners. (*optional equipment)

Economy features · can't overheat · up to 40 miles per gallon · easily accessible engine · quickly detachable fenders · removable cylinder liners · simplicity of engine design · automatic clutch does not waste gas · washable interiors including door liners

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Dauphine Specifications

ENGINE
"Ventoux" rear engine
Stroke: 80 mm (3.1496″)
Piston displacement: 845 cc (51.54 cu in)
Compression ratio: 8 = 1
Brake horsepower: 32 hp at 4,200 rpm (S.A.E. ratings)
Maximum torque: 6.7 m. kg at 2,000 rpm (S.A.E. ratings) (48.35 ft. lbs.)
Camshaft distribution — overhead valves
Carburetor with automatic choke
Removable wet cylinder liners
Water cooling
Pressurized radiator

HEATING SYSTEM
Combination heater-defroster (standard equipment)

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
Ignition with automatic advance
Ignition key starter (anti theft device)

TRANSMISSION
Clutch: single dry plate
3-speed gearbox and reverse (2nd & 3rd synchronized)
Gear ratios: 1st: 3.7—2nd: 1.8—3rd: 1.07—Reverse: 3.7
Cardan transmission (needle bearing joints)
Ferlec Automatic Clutch optional equipment (eliminates clutch pedal)

STEERING
Rack steering with compensating springs

SUSPENSION
4 independently sprung wheels • 4 coil springs
4 hydraulic shock absorbers • Torsion bar in front

BRAKES
Hydraulic brakes on all four wheels
Mechanical handbrake on rear wheels

DIMENSIONS

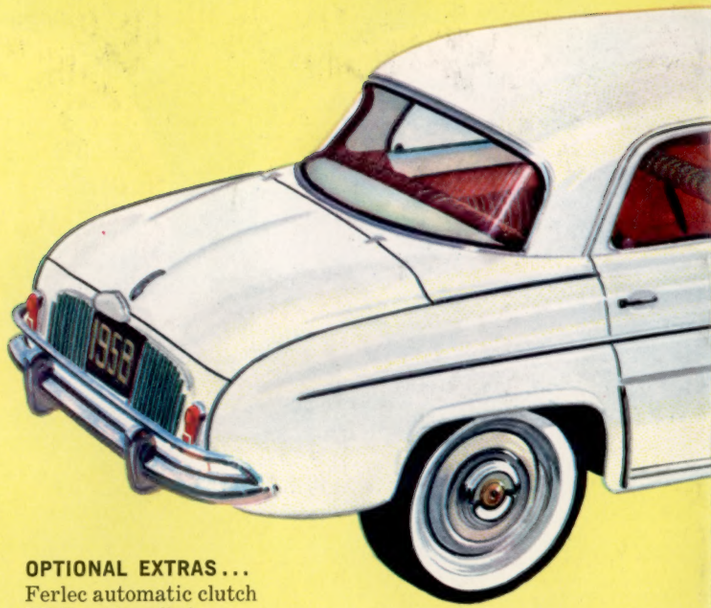
Length overall	155″
Width overall	60″
Height (unloaded)	57″
Height (loaded)	55⅛″
Wheelbase	89″
Front track	49″
Rear track	48″
Ground clearance	6″
Turning circle radius	15′.0″

TIRES
135 x 380 or 5.00 x 15

WEIGHT
1386 lbs. (unloaded)

LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT
Capacity: 7 cu. ft.

PERFORMANCE
Maximum speed 76 m.p.h.
With 8½ gals. gas tank it is possible to cover more than 300 miles without refueling
Gas consumption: up to 40 miles per gallon on normal roads at an average speed



OPTIONAL EXTRAS...
Ferlec automatic clutch
White sidewall tires
Sunroof
Radio

INTERNAL DIMENSIONS

Elbow room (front)	49″
Elbow room (back)	48″
Headroom (front)	37½″
Headroom (rear)	35½″

DISTANCE BETWEEN SEATS

Front seat maximum forward	12½″
Front seat maximum back	8″

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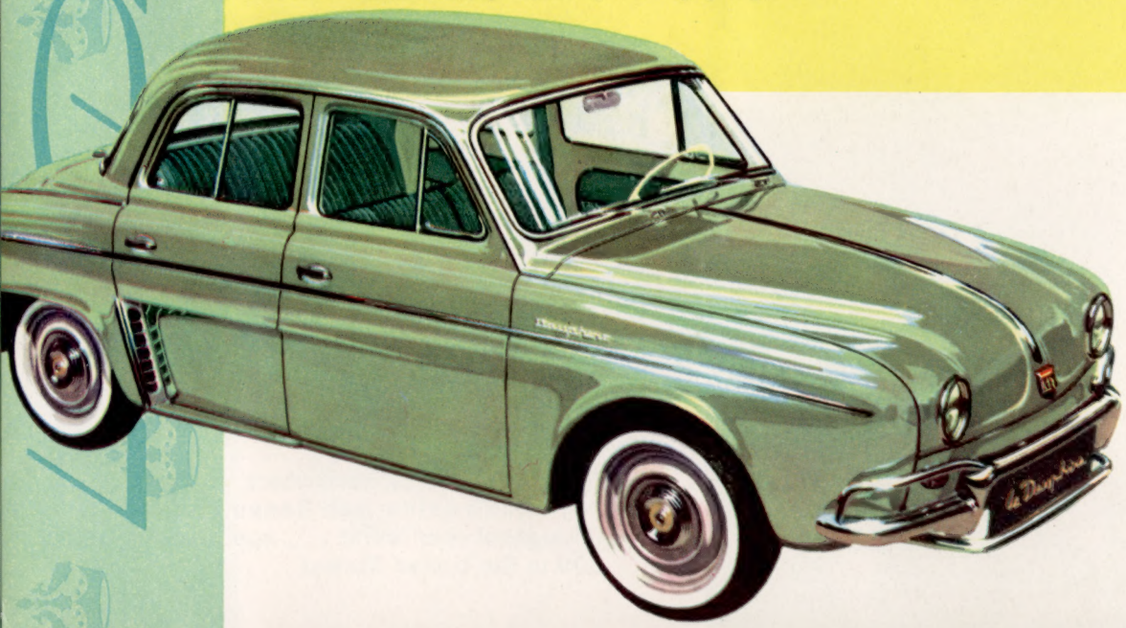

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